The musicians of Washington, those affiliated with organized labor, are a queer lot. Each and every one of them, it is said, is an artist in his own special line; still there seems to be a total lack of harmony among them. This statement may seem paradoxical; nevertheless, if reports ar correct, it is true, as is evidenced by the two organizations maintained by the local

musical fraternity.

It must be said, to the credit of the two local organizations of musicians, that their troubles are their own and they never atternot to embroil the members of any of the other numerous labor organizations into them. The division in their ranks was on matters of principle, and not the result of personal differences of opinion on matters concerning ways and means of the advancement of individual interest. As a matter of fact, it is said the rock on which they split was considered equally danger ous by nil, and it was the course to be pursued in avoiding the danger which caused the taking of separate courses to what was considered a safe port.

The first organization of musicians was formed alout cleven years ago and affiliated with the order of Knights of Labor as Assembly No. 4308. The membership which at that time was about 100 strong, rapidly increased until it embraced nearly all the liest-class musicians in the city Among its members were the members of the United States Marine Band, and it the admission of these to membership It is said, which caused all the trouble

A large interrity in the assembly claimed that the members of the Marine Band were paid by the United States Government for circumstances to be allowed to come into competition with civil musicians. Their wants were provided for by the Government, and it was unjust to those who wer taxed to support them to be compelled to te with them in the musical field for a livelihood

This argument was admitted by the ma-jority to be unans werable, but it was deem ed best, under the forced circumstances, to-make the best of the situation. It was held by *we majority that if the soldier not sicians were not admitted to membership they would be to meet them as competitors in open market. Their connection with the Marine Band would, it was claimed, give them weight in the community and make them dangerous rivals. So, under these circumstances, it was decided to make the best of the situation, and, while dividing the gains, strengthen their own position as a imisical organization

The minority said it was not a matter or dollars and cents; it was the principle they objected to, and after seriously considering the matter decided to with fraw from the assembly. This they accordingly did, and favored an organization under the protection of the National League of Mu sicians. The new band, however, did not prosper, and after a short existence died for lack of patronage. Many of the members returned to Assembly No. 4308, and for some time all was well-

tus viant sounds again were heard in the spring of 1895. The old question of the right of the members of the Marine Rand to membership in the assembly was raised again, and with the same result. This time the opposition to the eddie element in the assembly was stronger, and aided by others on the outside who be heved in the instice of the principle for which they were contending, joined them and formed the Protective Musical League An organization was effected, with a mem bership of about fifty members. It was a sorcess. Its numbers tapidly increased un-

The league, however, had troubles of its nown Besides being affiliated with the national body, it also secured a charter from the American Federation of Labor and was thus, as was thought, doubly se cured in case of trouble.

The trouble came but from a quarter least expected. At the last annual convention of the National League of Musicians, held in this criv, the proposition to affiliate with the American Pederation of Labor was considered, and after a lengthy dis cussion, was decided in the negative This action was a practical serving of ne the on the local organization to sever its connection with the American Federation of Labor, as it could not retain its mem Prevalente built budles.

The local expanization after due cor sideration, determined to retain their master in the American Federation of Labor and severed their connection with the National Musicians. For over a year the Profective League of Musicians renamed on independent organization to on the organization of the Central Labor Thion, which is connected with the American Federation of Labor, affiliated with that body. Thus it is that there are two local organizations composed of first class musicisms, which do not play in harmony in the same place, at the same

While these two organizations have little "scraps" of their own, there is a common enemy, the "amateur musician," against which they combine forces. The amateur hand is considered as a dangerous rival It is said there are so many of them that on them. Not only do they make engagements at very "unprofessional rates," the members of organized labor say, but often, for the name of playing at certain swell entertainments, offer their services with

no expectation of remuneration.

The manicious affiliated with organized labor say they have repeatedly appealed to the public to protect them from these "banditti musicians." as they term the amateurs, but with no success. Nine-tenths of those who compose the amateur ban is, it is said, are well-to-do young people, who do not follow music for a profession, nor do they depend on it for support. For this reason the local musicians who have other means of making a living feel that every engagement given an amateur band is in a measure reducing their oppor tunities of making an honest Hvelihood

His Choctaw. Thaddens Stevens was once opposed in de bate by Herace Maynard, of Tennessee. Maynard was very tall and straight, and had long black bair, which he wore well nown over his coat collar, and which gave him somewhat then ppearance of an Indian It was even rumored that he had someabo iginal blood in his veins. Maynard prided himself on his scholarly attainmen at the close of his address he quoted one or two Latin verses. Old Thad, replied to May-nard's arguments in his usual vigorous manper, and than paused for a few seconds until bonse. Turning to Maynard, who sat some distance behind him, he delivered this parting shot. "So much for the gentleman's As to his Choctaw, I do not pro fess to understand it."-Chicago News.

A Plain Statement of Facts. Pather Tommy, what is your mothe

doing? Tommy -Whittling.

Whitting? What do you mean, sir?" "She's trying to sharpen a lead pencil."

CRIMMINS' ADVANTAGES.

The air of Morris' room was blue with moke, and several men in athletic clothes were smoking several pipes and cigars, and one cigarette. One man was not smoking at all. He was a small man in threadbare black garments, and was scated in a chair after the orthodox manner. The rest were stretched on sofas, perched on tables or

sitting crosslegged on the floor.

It was the last week of the term, and most of the men were seniors. "What did Crimmins say he was going to do?" said Larner, the fullback, in-

"I didn't say," say the little man in the

black suit, dryly. "Very well, then, what are you going to do?" said Morris, taking the word. Morris was a thoughtful-looking fellow, with a Vandyke beard and expressive, dark eyes. He smoked a pipe, and even his pipes somehow always had an individuality "I expect, with my advantages," said Crimmins, in his quiet way, "to step into

some remunerative position without a great deal of trouble-something in the literary line is what I should like." "With your advantages!" thought Morais Whew! I should like to know what

they are!" Crimmins was one of the hardest working neo in the university, though nobody ever iccused him of being brilliant. He had been known to do nearly everything which a student could do, to earn money. He had been clerk in the town grocery, had sold books on commission, done copying, collected laundry for a steam washing concern, and he kept bachelor's hall by him seif in a bare little room, which nobody ever visited very much, except Morris, who And here he was talking about his advantages.

The tide of talk swept on during Morris ollioquy, and Crimmius and his advantages were left behind. But the scrap of conver sation stuck in the head of Morris, as such things will, and when, two years later, he had a quarrel with his uncle Philpotts, and declared that rather than work into the hide-and-leather business he would go out and carn his own living in his own way, he remembered it. His uncle Philpotts acquiesced with alacrity, and forbore to ask what Morris' way neight be, for which Morris, in after years,

He had been a reading man in college in ome ways he was a brillman man. He had one or two hobbles which he had redden triumphantly all through his course one of them was philology, and another botany, he had rather an unusual herbarium The only places in which these pitshments could be of use would have been a schoolroom or something in the museum line, both of which he tried.

"Any experience" asked the director of the teachers' agency.

Morris had not. "Well, we'll see what we can do for you but I'm afraid there are too many experienced teachers on the list for us to hold out any great inducement. You see," said the director, warmed into loquacity by the faultless style of his visitor, "the only place in which these specialties of your would be of much use is a college or an academy, and they want men with practical experience as well as knowledge. Better go out and knock around in a district school awhile."

That was very good advice, but Morris did not know of any district school int which he would have the ghist of a chance of getting Hedetermined to try a lawyer's

"Going to be a lawyer" asked the man whom he knew, and to whom he applied for advice. "Well, well, I never thought you'd advice. go into that business. You're not? Then why in thunder do you want such a positive as that? I should think you could do some thing better with your advantages."

"So I have advantages, have I'm queries Morris of himself on the way to his boarding place. "By Jove, I should like to know what they are. I wonder what Crimmins did with his?"

It som became evident that he must demething, and do it quick, for his packet book was suffering from a bad attack of cramp. He pawned his watch, silvantage being unmarketable, and tried successively a real estate office, a newspaper office (at which two rather long stories were viewe with absolute coldness), a museum, a dry goods palace (this was his last gasp) and a railroad station. At the railroad station the manager, attracted by something I few questions, eliciting the fact of Morris'

Then be said: 'No. I guess with your advantages you midn't be contented with us very sing. Us fellows that have begin at the bottom are willing to sing small for awhile, but with you it's different."

ng the advantages? thought Morris, savagely. When he reached his boarding place, at

which he carefully avoided the eye of the bandlady, he found a letter lying on his table. The hand seemed rather familiar, but he condu't place it. The letter read:

"My dear Mr. Morris:
"Inappened, in clancing over an old paper today, to see your name in the list of arrivals. I very much hops to see you if you should be still in town when this letter reaches you. Very truly your friend."
"WILLIAM L. URIMMINS."

from the Josephi sold Morror. The heading of the letter bore the name his uncle's partner and representative in that city, Job Kingsbury.

sala Morris again. '-I'll

unt the old fellow up." He found the address in the directory and found the house after the longest walk he had taken since the days he had dabbled in athletics. It was an unfashionable but comelike house, and the woman who opened the door was a motherly looking person. He was shown up to a modapartment on the second floor, and met by Crimmins, who was quite effusive, for him. The little man's somewhat dry phrases were inspired by real affects and he wrung Morris' hand in a way that

"And what have you been doing since wished to avoid answering that question

"Well, I have been in this business al most from the first," said Crimmins, thoughtfully. "It is not at all the business I was thinking of. I meant to teach, perhaps, or to work on a newspaper. But no opportunity offered, so I just took the first thing that did offer, and it has turned out really well."

"I should think it had turned out well," said Morris, when he had heard the result of some of his friend's investments in real estate which had turned out luckily. Crimmins was evidently a trusted man and in the line of promotion. "But how did it happen to offer?"

"Oh, I knew Mr. Kingsbury. I was his office boy before he ever went into this business," said Crimmins, with unusual frankness. He had never talked very much about his antecedents. "He said then that I was a worker and should have a good place if I ever wanted it. I haven't given up doing something in intellectual work. I read a little, and I find that all sorts of scientific and economical knowledge can be made of use in business. College is a great thing, a great thing!" and Crimmins

looked awed at the thought of it.
"It seems to me, Crimmius," said Morris, "that your advantages, as you call 'em, are not so much what you got at college as what you took there."

"Oh, no," said Crimmins, quickly. "College did a great deal for me. It helped me to know myself; to work with a trained mind, and, more than all that, to see what I was working for. Why, Morris, when I see some of these men who have grown rich in such a horry that they don't know what to do with their money

except to race horses and buy diamonds I pity 'em." And the little man's face flushed to quite an unusual extent in his

"So far as I am concerned," said Morris, "the advantages have been mostly dis-advantages," and he found himself quite willing, somehow or other, to tell his story to Crimmins.

"What would you do if you were in my place?" he asked, when the tale was finished.

'Weil," said Crimmins, after some "it's hard to tell about thought, that. You are so much more brilliant than I it's hard for me to realize that you had any difficulty of this kind. But I think if you should go back to Mr. Philpotts and tell him that you had recon-sidered your decision he would give you another chance, and then, after you had got on a little way, you would be able to secure time and money for your own

And that was what Morris did. But he the beginning and to learn at twenty-three what Crimmins had learned at twelve-punctuality, thrift and business sagacityand he still thinks that Crimmins' advantages were not all gained at college.

THEY HAD REASONS.

Maj. Singleton was crossing the put he square from the postoffice to the court house, when he encountered Col. Tifton who was crossing from the court house to the postoffice. It was a het day, and both wanted a drink.

"Powerful hot, colonel," said the major. "Yes, sah-powerful hot," was the re

"Makes the throat mighty dry." "Yes, sah-nighty dry."

"Can't say when I've wanted a drink so bad since the wah." Same with me, majah. Don't recko I've had so much cotton in my mouth in twenty y'ars. Whar' yo' bound for, majah?"

"Ovah to the cote house, sah. Yes, go to go ovah to the cote house and plead a case, and nothing but watah ovah thar'plain watan. What' yo' bound for, colonel?"

"Oval to the postoffice, sah, and they don't even have watch ovah than. The major stood digging his heel into the gravel and looking down the street, and the colone; stood scraping his toes and looking up the street. The painful silence lasted for

a long minute, and then was broken by the major, who said "Col. Tifton, I have reasons, sah, for not invitin' yo' to nip with me this evening. I used to could stand whisky by the quart, but own glassof it illestomy head and nakes me forget myself. If we were drinking to gether, sah, I might say something to burt yo' feelings—something to be niighty sorry

for all the rest of my life." "Majah Singleton," seed the colonel, as smile stole over his face, and he reached fidence, and I will return it. For the last brain, and it so happened that I have drunk with a gentleman and then called him s linh befor the taste was out of my

'h is a queer coincidence," observed the

Powerful queer," replied the colonel. "Then each of us had best -- "
"Jest so, san. Good evening, Majah Sir

gleton." Good evening, Col Tifton." And they howed and separated, and each cent his way to buy his own diluk and

lrink it by himself. How Kennan Learned Courage

"When I was seventeen or eighteen nec." said Mr. Keunan, "I went s a telegraph operator to Cincinnati. I morbid and miserable by that time that I said to myself on lay. I'm going to put an end to this state of affairs here and now. If I'm afraid of nything. I'll conquer my fear of it or die. If I'm a coward I might as well be dead, tuse I can never feel any self-respect of have any happiness in life; and I'd rather get killed trying to do something that I'm afraid to do than live in this way.' I was at that time working at night and had a go home from the office between mideight and 4 o'clock a m. It was during the civil war, and Cincionati was a more awless city than it has ever been since. Street robusties and murders were of daily or office carried weapons as a matter of course. I bought a revolver and com-menced a course of experiments upon myself When I finished my night work at the office, instead of going directly home through well-highted and police-natroled streets, I directed my steps to the alums and explored the worst haunts of vice and crime in the city If there was a dark, narrow, cut-throat alley down by the river that I felt afraid to go through at that hour of the eight, I denoted my teeth socked my revolver, and went through itcometimes twice in succession-"If I read in the morning papers that a

can had been robbed or murdered on a portain street I went to that street the next night. I explored the dark river banks, hung around low drinking dives and the resorts of thieves and other criminals, and made it an invariable rule to do at all hazards the thing that I thought neight be afraid to do Or course I had all sorts of experiences and adventures. One night I saw a man attacked by high waymen ast across the street. I can to his assistance, frigitened away the robbers and picked him up from the gatter in a state of unconsciousness. Another night, after ? o'clock, I saw a man's throat cut, down but, although somewhat shaken, I did not become faint nor sick. Every time I went through a street I believed to be dangerous, or had any startling experience, I felt at accession of self-respect.

"In less than three months I had satis-fied myself that while I did feel fear, I was not so much daunted by any under-

it, and then I began to feel better.
"Soon after this time I went on my arst xpedition to Siberia, and there in almost daily struggles with difficulties, dangers and sufferings of all sorts, I finally lost the fear of being afraid which had pois happiness of my boyhood."-Atlantic for

Physically Impossible. Englishman-I see that a man was robbed-Central Park in broad daylight. Such things don't happen in London. New Yorker-I suppose not. I've heard that broad daylight is a very rare occur-

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He Says No Colored Man Ought to Sleep With His Feet Out of Bed.

"My frens," said Brother Gardner, as e in his place at the last meet ing of the Lime Kiln Club, "I had suntide' to say to you a few weeks are sanitary matters. I find dat most of de embers didn't know what I was talkin' about, an' I shall darfore try to explain myself mo' cl'arty. De word 'san itary' refers to health. It refers to de you eat, de water you drink, de house you lib in an' de sort of bed you hey got to sleep on Waydown Bebee got de idea dat it was some sort o' smoked fish, an he inquared for it at thought it related to religion, an' Shindig Watkas has got Jonah an' de whale an' sanitary all mixed up. What I wanted to teil you, an' what I tried to make plain, was dat do time had come when de cull'd man must pay some attenshun to de laws of benith.

"Fur instance, it has bin diskivered widin de last two y'ars dat de breath or three dawgs steepin' under de fam'ly bed in a clus room am pizen to de human system. Ebery cuil'd man has a soft spot in his heart fur a dawg, but de time has arrove when either de fam'ty or de dawg should sleep on an ole piece of carpet in de woodshed.

"Up to a y'ar ago numin' was thought of gwine to bed in a room wid a bar'l o' soap grease, but it has bin shown, becull'd people hev died off on dat ac Seems like gwine to a good deal o' trubble to remove dem things outdonns at night an' bring 'em back in de mawnin', but we can't afford to take no chances.

"It's a great savin' o' bedelothes for de hull fam'ly to jump into one bed, an' a am dar all in a bunch in case a burglar breaks in or de stovepipe sets de house on fire, but medical science has liskibered dat it's powerful bad on de health, an' should be stopped. It may ome hard to Samuel Shin, who has only got one bed and 'leben chill'en, but he'll hev to hustle around an' git some straw an' spread on de floor.

"It has him de habit of de cull'd man fur de hast 200 y'ars to sleep wid his feet outer bed. He probably got de habit from dreamin' about 'coons an' 'possums, he wanted to be all ready to jump outer bed an' run 'em down, an' mobody found fault wid it till a few months ago. Den medical science stepped in and diskibered dat sleepin' wid de feet hangin' out interfered wid de circula-shun of de blood, an' brung on catarrh an' tots o' other aliments, an' shortened a pusson's life by y'ars an' y'ars. De rest o' you kin do as yo' like about it, but I hev bin sleepin' lately wid my feet tied under the bedelothes, an' I believe de change has dun me good.

"We must look out for de sanitary bigness in de food we est an' de way we De baby may like raw turmpe an' bananas, but he shouldn't be fille up to de chin on 'em jest befo' goin' to It's heap easier to gulp down biled egg widout foolin' around, but if dat egg am gwine to shatter our system all to smush, we had bester stop to cut it in two an' butter de halves.

"Dar am likewise another matter which I wish to refer to dis cavenin', an' dat am de weakness of **50** quil'd people in gineral for puttin' on style, as it is called. We her examples of Rahmer etery night in de week. Way back in December de wife of Ebler Pensteck gir in at home. De elder owns his house an' am purty well fixed, on' he kin affordech things. I was dar as one of de greets an' while I thought de elder was a leetle extravagant in de way dev served up fried eggs at fo'ty cente a dozen. I had no cilticism to make. What ains me am what follered dat party.

"A week later Jedge Cabiff's wife had de same kind of a circus. De jedge, as ve all know, has de bardest kind o' work to git 'taters an' ment fur his nine cidil'en an' half of 'em hey to go b'arfat all winter. His wife didn't want to be outdun, however an' so she had a 'crush.' She had three kinds o' cake, two sorts o' cheese an' kinds o' cold meat, an' de dress she had on nether cost less'n thirty cents a yard bar'wasa heap o'peopledur, an'everybody had a good time, but de last guest was hardly outer de house when de jedge was around tryin' to horry \$5 to make up his month's rent. Since dat time de fam'ly parter clock has gone to de pawnshop to buy firel.

"I doan" speak of dese things in a complainin' way, but it pains me to see what leetle sense sum folks hev Purtin' on style an' swellin' around am all right fur de folks dat hev got de cash down in Geir pockets, but all wrong fur de folks 'who heven'r.

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